GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INSPECTION OF LPG STOVES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector oil companies have issued any directions to Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) dealers to inspect the gas stoves of consumers regularly to avoid any mishappening ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government is aware that some LPG dealers misguide the consumers and forcibly ask them to replace and purchase stove and other items from their agencies ;

(d) if so, whether the Government has received complaints in this regard ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken against the dealers and persons found guilty ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have issued instructions to their LPG distributors to carry out the mandatory inspection of LPG installation, including the gas stove once in two years for consumers registered with them, against a nominal fee of Rs. 25/-.

(c) to (e) : OMCs have reported some cases of forced sale of stove by their LPG distributors to the consumers. Action against the erring distributors is taken by the OMCs in accordance with the provisions under the LPG Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG).